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Olympic today—June Caprice in "Unknown 274." Also the new serial "The Mystery Ship."

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Every Wednesday at the Olympic, Metro presents a good show, featuring a popular actress.

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL DEFENSE BEGINS THRIFT STAMP DRIVE

The Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense, of which Mrs. J. J. Cushing is local chairman, today began a strenuous drive for the sale of Thrift Stamps. The town will be districted and committees have been appointed to make a thorough canvass of town, to be completed by Thursday evening. The object will be to place a Thrift Stamp card in every home in the town. Monessen women are deeply interested in this National Defense work, and this will be but a beginning of their aid along patriotic lines. A special request is made that members of every home lend interest to the ladies and that all who can have one or more Thrift Stamp cards placed in their home.

Many Friends Attend Funeral

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon over the remains of Rev J W. Wilson, pastor of the United Brethren church. The services were held in the church on Reed avenue, conducted by Dr. L. W. Stahl of McKeesport, and the church was crowded, as deceased had many warm friends and admirers among all church people of the town. The services were very impressive, and many were the tears shed over the departure of a man who had set an admirable example among men and lived so that all might well follow in his footsteps.

Dr. Stahl, an old friend, preached a most impressive sermon. The choir sang three selections and Miss Sophie Beckman rendered a solo in a most impressive manner. The remains were taken this morning to Johnstown, Pa., where services were conducted at the Walnut Grove United Brethren church, of which Rev. Wilson was once pastor. Services there were conducted by the Rev. Dr. J. S. Fulton, assisted by Dr. Stahl of McKeesport.

Left Husband and Joined Carnival

Joseph Papetti of Charleroi charges Mary Papetti with desertion in the testimony given before the commissioner at Washington, Pa., in his suit brought against her for divorce. They were married at Charleroi, February 27, 1906, where the libellant has lived for 13 years. They resided in Charleroi until November, 1912, when the respondent deserted the libellant. At that time she stayed away from him for about a week, after which she returned and they lived together for a month. She then got tired and told her husband that she did not want to live with him any longer. She left her husband with two children, a boy aged four years and a girl aged six years. The respondent worked in Monessen for a time after leaving her husband and then in Monongahela, where she joined a carnival company. The boy has since died.

STAR THEATRE

TODAY—Mary Pickford, America's sweetheart, in "The Little Princess." This picture is a distinct triumph for this sweet actress. You'll love her and enjoy her beyond words. Bring the children. A Super-Artcraft production.

WEDNESDAY—Wm. S. Hart, the bad man of the screen in a play of the prairies and sage brush country, written by himself, entitled "The Narraw Trail."

Some Specials February Clean-Up Sale

Men's Derby Rib Underwear, Shirts and Drawers, $1.00 value at 75c.

Men's heavy ribbed Union Suits at $1.39. Worth now $18.00 a dozen, or $1.50 each wholesale.

$1.00 Black Satin Shirts 75c. Jack Rabbit brand.

All 50c, 75c and $1.00 boys Hats, to clean up at 40c.

25 young men's Overcoats $14, $15 to $18 grades, (no belts) will be good next fall, choice $9.85. Sizes 33, 34, and 35 only. All wool materials.

20 Boys' Overcoats, $8, $9 and $10 values. All wool coats. Light shades, choice at $3.98. Sizes 12 to 15 years.

MEYERS'

—Smithfield is boasting of the largest coal operator in Fayette county. This individual is J. P. Hardin of the Hardin Coal company. He weighs over 300 pounds but is active, being on the job every day.

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61761—10 in. $1.00
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Tim Rooney's at the Fightin'—Norah Flynn.
18428—10 in 75c
There's a Vacant Chair in Every Home tonight.—Shannon Four.
The Dream of a Soldier Boy—Charles Hart.
18429—10 in. 75c
The Dixie Volunteers—American Quartet.
I Miss the Old Folks Now—Van and Schenk.
18407—10 in. 75c
My Sweetie—One Step—Joseph C Smith's orchestra.
Some Sunday Morning—Medley Fox Trot—Joseph C. Smith's orchestra.
45147—10 in. $1.00
Serenade (Sing, Smile, Slumber) (Gounod)—Olive Kline.
In an Old Fashioned Town—Elsie Baker.

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CITIZENS UP IN ARMS ABOUT THE GARBAGE LAW WITH ITS FLAGRANCY

Ordinance Has Had Wide Publicity and is Being Discussed on All Sides.

The garbage ordinance passed by council on final reading is now before Burgess W. B. Stewart. It was published in Saturday's issue of this paper so that the general public might read and dissect it, and that the burgess in passing upon it could be guided by public sentiment.

There are already ordinances on our statute books governing the collecting and removal of garbage. This ordinance is absolutely unnecessary. And it is as harmful as unnecessary. Some of the councilmen who supported the measure are not wantonly criticized by the public. Some of the members are new. They are no doubt guided by the best of intentions. This garbage question has been going on through a period of years. It has been discussed by former councils. Mr. Bumer, Mr. Allison and several other members stood out and fought municipal control and defeated it one year despite the recommendations of Mr. Dunlap, then burgess. Mr. Johns, the engineer and the sanitary committee. The majority of the members of council refused to levy a tax on the property owners to be used for hauling the garbage. The second year they still protested, but voted for the recommendation of the committee. Since that time Mr. Bumer has retired from council and the other members are inclined to permit the responsibility to rest upon the advocates of the issue. When this ordinance was brought in it was accepted in good faith by members who have not made a study of the question. They no doubt were advised that it was the only way to ease up the great burden that has fallen upon those who installed the system, even though it does fix a penalty on real estate.

People can readily see the object of the ordinance. A blind man could see it. There is now no way of getting rubbish removed. The city under this ordinance does not propose to furnish a contractor to haul the refuse from the homes and places of business. Every person who owns property in Monessen must furnish for his or her tenants, not only garbage cans, but "a sufficient number of tight receptacles to accommodate the accumulation of rubbish for at least one month."

You are also required to make racks for the rubbish. Listen to the raw stuff clipped right out of the ordinance:

"All receptacles for garbage and rubbish shall be kept in a rack, so constructed as to prevent their over turning, the bottom of said rack shall not be less than one foot from the surface of the ground at its lowest point and its top shall not be more than four feet above the surface of the ground at the highest point. All racks shall be located at the rear of the property where collections are made from the alleys, and where collections are made from the streets, they shall not be more than twenty feet back of the building fronting said street and in all cases be easily accessible thereto and shall be reasonably protected from the weather."

Now do you know that you will have two sets of cans on your premises, garbage cans and rubbish cans?

The twenty foot clause is not practicable. If it were, the people along Park Way would be compelled to keep their cans in the middle of their back yards. So would anybody else.

"All receptacles, racks, locations and everything pertaining to the proper care of garbage and rubbish shall be subject to the approval of the officer in charge of such care and collection, and shall be repaired by him."

There is no higher appeal so far as this ordinance goes from the judgment of the man hired by council to fill the job of "Superintendent of Garbage." What he says goes. When he decides that the tenants have used your cans a sufficient length of time, then you must buy new cans, for everything must be done "when so ordered by him."

If the property owner owns the cans and is responsible for the condition of them, it becomes his duty to furnish paper for the tenants to rap the garbage in and to see that the paper is of such strength that it will neither rot or break. It might be well to start in by using some sort of rubber or specially prepared material. The ordinance is so overwhelmingly ridiculous that if made a law and enforced, it would be a source of perpetual annoyance.

The issue has been clearly set forth by this paper. The burden now rests with the people, and their elective official burgess, W. B. Stewart.

SALE CONTINUED
One more week

For the benefit of those who were unable to take advantage of our special prices we have decided to continue the special prices named below for one more week.

1-7 Drawer Singer worth $74, new sale price...$39.00
1-5 Drawer Singer worth $68, new sale price...$38.00
1 White Rotary, used 3 mo. new sale price..$29.00
1 Free Machine, used 3 mo., new sale price..$29.00
1 Columbia Improved, new sale price.....$15.00
1 Free second hand, new sale price $15.00
1 White Rotary, new sale price $11.50
1 Minnesota, new sale price $9.50
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1 Second Hand Singer, new sale price.....$5.00
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Pneumonia Kills Young Girl

Elsie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Anderson, died this morning at the home, 1030 Schoonmaker avenue, of pneumonia, after one week's illness, in her sixteenth year. Deceased was a member and faithful worker in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, having been confirmed one year ago. Funeral from the home Wednesday at 2 p. m. Interment in Grandview cemetery.

New Garbage Law Starts Rents Upward

Storming rothy are some of the people whom the garbage ordinance will effect most vitally. A protest such as has never gone up with the passage of any ordinance could be heard on all sides of the streets Saturday, and today the anger has not subsided. Landlords are preparing to raise their rent sufficient to meet any hardships the ordinance, if enforced, will create. One agent notified a councilman who is a renter that the first notice he would send out of an advance in rent would be to him (the councilman) and that the advance would be $10.00 a month. Possibly the agent saw the fine that is to be imposed upon the property owner by the "superintendent of garbage" if he fails to carry out the provisions of the ordinance and decided to give the man who supported the measure a dose of his own medicine.

This paper has been besieged with telephone calls and personal visits from the leading people of the town who with one acclaim say "Lay on MacDuff." A great responsibility rests upon the shoulders of Burgess Stewart. The Independent believes it is doing its duty in giving publicity to the proposition as it now stands. It believes it is right in raising a voice of protest and in the immortal words of Davy Crocket being right it believes in "going ahead." The city will never stand for the ordinance should the burgess sign it and we believe it is unconstitutional. If Mr Wyant had an opportunity to pass judgment upon it, he no doubt would condemn it.

Robert Payton

Robert Payton of Lock View, died at 12:40 Sunday morning at his home of throat trouble, aged about 52 years. Deceased was born and raised in South Brownsville, but for years had lived in Lock View and worked in Charleroi. He leaves a wife and five children. The funeral will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the A. M. E. church, Charleroi. Leave house at 1 o'clock. Interment in Charleroi cemetery.

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FAREWELL BANQUET WAS GIVEN IN HONOR OF SOLDIERS WHO LEAVE TODAY

There was a spread in the Christian church basement today for the 49 soldiers who leave this evening. Plans were made too late to have the men all present as they had made previous arrangements to take their last meal at home among near friends. West Newton boys went back home after being here for instructions at the exemption headquarters as did also those from nearby sections. The civic committee of the board of trade engaged the Ladies Aid of the Christian church to prepare the feed. They had covers laid for about sixty people and only four of the soldiers were able to be present. Many residents of the town were present to partake of the good things that had been spread. The room was decorated in national colors. J. Howard Kelly made an address and called upon several persons present for remarks. In the absence of the soldiers the affair was one filled with historical references and patriotic eloquence. This evening at 6 o'clock the soldiers entrain. The Louhi band will furnish free music as it did on former similar occasions.

Man May Die From Injuries

Monessen may have another murder case on her slate if fate turns against Andy Kach who is in the Monessen-Charleroi hospital in a very critical condition.

It appears that in a drunken turmoil Saturday Kach was attacked by Mike Howarth of 134 Morgan avenue, who mashed Kach's face, kicked him in the abdomen and otherwise abused him so seriously that a doctor was called and the man sent to the Monessen-Charleroi hospital, where this morning his case was reported very unfavorable.

The assailant, Mike Howarth is held in the borough lockup awaiting the arrival of the State Police to take charge of the case. Howarth is the same man who, on Saturday was before Burgess Stewart on a charge of disorderly conduct, cutting a clothes line and using obscene language in front of women. He paid $12.00 for that offense, but will not likely get off so easily in the present case.

Advance Sale

—The advance sale of tickets for "The Birth of a Nation" at Olympic theatre Friday and Saturday, of this week, begins at the theatre today. Admission will be 50c and 35c. A matinee will be given Saturday from 10 to 12 for school children and teachers. Admission 20c. 13-2t

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WEDNESDAY—Ethel Barrymore in "The American Widow."

THURSDAY—Lillian Walker in "Gold, or Lust of the Ages."

COMING—William Farnum in "The Heart of a Lion."

Mid-Winter Clearance Sale

Old Probabilities say:
"Lots more cold weather yet to come."

PLENTY OF BARGAINS LEFT

Men's $15 Suits & Overcoats...$11
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THE RUSSIAN MESS

Can any more help be expected from Russia? The miserable and pitiable collapse of this once powerful people has been the greatest triumph Germany has won in this war. Her legion of spies and paid agents have worked their slimy way into every Russian village, and have accomplished ten times as much as the German armies have done in any field.

The worst of the situation is that the majority of the Russian people appear to be permeated with the most extreme Socialist views. They hate any man who has a bit of property worse than they hate German tyranny. Their first aim is to destroy all rights of private ownership, which means the destruction of all the world has accomplished in thirty centuries.

In spite of the complete prostration of Russian power, Germany still feels it necessary to keep 60 divisions or 900,000 men on that front, though they are largely worn out troops. That is something in the way of help.

There are two opinions as to the attitude our government should assume toward the Russians. One view believes that the Bolsheviks are Germany's most deadly foe, inasmuch as they are spreading their dangerous doctrines through all the German soldiers with whom they come in contact. This opinion would have us do all in our power to conciliate and compromise with the wild eyed crowd that now rules in Petrograd. Against this there is the fact that the present rulers of Russia have scorned and flouted all compacts of honor and good faith.

However, the friendship of the Russian people is worth having. If Germany wins their favor, the exhausted granaries of the Teutons will be refilled, and the economic pressure that now threatens German collapse, will be relieved. We may have to eat some humble pie to keep on good terms with the wild men that have repudiated all faith and bonds of honor. But we cannot permit Germany to ingratiate herself with 200,000 Russians as their best friend and protector.

WAR TIME TRUANTS

The truant of the old time school used to be a very different proposition. He was a roving, dreamy, carefree kid, who liked to go fishing better than to study books. He was held up to the good boys as an example of wickedness. Yet his escapades were often perfectly harmless, except as they were outbreaks of an irresponsible mind that could not tie itself down to any regular task.

School authorities report that since the United States entered the war, there has been a large increase in truancy. Many fathers and older brothers have been called away from home. The younger boys, relieved from supervision, wander the streets freely, and frequently get into trouble. Their exploits are not the frolicsome escapades of the old-time truants, but are frequently small larcenies that are the first step in a career of crime.

In many places the police are very busy guarding property against incendiaries and plotters, and the minor misdeeds of the kid element are overlooked.

A great many parents are tempted by high rates of wages paid in factories, to slip boys quietly out of school at a premature age and put them to work. The boys come into possession of sums of money previously far beyond their reach, and make bad use of it. They will lie about their ages and elude the officers sent to enforce school attendance.

It is no time to go easy with the truant. He should attend school for the allotted time, as he is at least out of mischief there. We will need all the intelligence that can be developed in our young people after the war. Parents who know no better should be made to feel that encouraging truancy is a serious offence.

THE FALL CAMPAIGN

As the months go on, the lines on which the next Congressional campaign will be fought are fast shaping themselves. Already the patriots with ambitions are placing themselves in the hands of their friends, and arranging to have spontaneous demands arise from unexpected sources asking that they serve their country.

Some very serious issues will come up to be passed upon next November. The country will for the first time have a chance to express an opinion on how the war is being conducted. No party and but mighty few candidates will dare oppose fighting the war to a finish. If any changes occur they will be made solely to secure a more vigorous and business like administration of the war.

The Democratic party will of course claim that a Democratic victory is necessary to show Germany that the country is standing behind President Wilson and that it sanctions his war policy. That argument should be discounted by the voters. If Kaiser Bill has any time in his busy life to watch our elections, he will be more apt to think that a Republican victory means a vigorous prosecution of the war. His agents have told him that the Republican party has loyally backed every war measure and that it realized the need of military preparation long before President Wilson did.

He knows also that the mass of the business and executive brains of the country is Republican, and that the more the Republican party gains the ascendency at Washington, the more the methods of business efficiency will be applied to our war machine.

No, Brother Democrats, nothing doing along that line of argument. It's a hot potato. Don't pick it up.

EDITORIALETTES

The pessimists about the war have agreed to make every day a smileless day.

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The people who complain that poultry raising does not pay, frequently find that nothing else pays.

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Many people seem to think that if they postpone filing their income tax long enough, they will be able to forget all about it.

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The German strikers returned to work of their own free will, as they had no doubt what they wanted to do when threatened with death.

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Some people who get twice as much for their goods become very tearful over the fact that they have to pay 50 cents more for their supplies.

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"The war is 3,000 miles away," said Secretary Baker, not as comfort pacifists but as indicating that we can't get there without ships, no matter what our preparation over here.

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The boys in the cantonments have coined slang to fit the days. A girl who knits for herself is called a "pig knitter" and the officers who hang around the homes of the Big Noises who have eligible daughters are called "parlor snakes."

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A Galesburg (Ill.) Mail wedding notice says: "The guests were marched to the coal room to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march." In the middle west, nowadays, you don't size up a bride by her wedding gifts, but by what's in her dad's coal bin.

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Hot Water for Sick Headaches

Tells why everyone should drink hot water with phosphate in it before breakfast.

Headache of any kind, is caused by auto-intoxication—which means self-poisoning. Live: and bowel poisons called toxins, sucked into the blood, through the lymph ducts, excite the heart which pumps the blood so fast that it congests in the smaller arteries and veins of the head producing violent, throbbing pain and distress, called headache You become nervous, despondent, sick, feverish and miserable, your meals sour and almost nauseate you. Then you resort to acetanilide, aspirin or the bromides which temporarily relieve but do not rid the blood of these irritating toxins

A glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, drank before breakfast for awhile, will not only wash these poisons from your system and cure you of headache but will cleanse, purify and freshen the entire alimentary canal.

Ask your pharmacist for a quarter pound of limestone phosphate. It is inexpensive, harmless as sugar, and almost tasteless, except for a sourish twinge which is not unpleasant.

If you aren't feeling your best, if tongue is coated or you wake up with bad taste, foul breath or have colds, indigestion, biliousness, constipation or sour, acid stomach, begin the phosphated hot water cure to rid your system of toxins and poisons.

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IS NO LONGER "FOOL'S GOLD"

Pyrites, Source of Sulphuric Acid, Has Been in Great Demand Since Outbreak of War.

Years and years ago, even before the interstate commerce commission, the Stars and Stripes or Uncle Joe Cannon were born, the early arrivals of a southern colony dropped their hoes and went to mining for gold. "Why raise food when the mountains were full of gold?" they asked as they loaded a ship with the shining ore. Alas! the metallurgists of England said it was not gold. Visions of wealth were dissipated. Worse yet. The summer was over; the harvest was past, and they had laid up no food for winter. In bitterness of spirit the shining ore was called "fool's gold," and succeeding generations left it undisturbed in the Southern hills.

Some centuries later the breath of Mars blew over the land. America was called for its every resource. Steel, copper, ammunition and foodstuffs were required in enormous quantities. Their production depend upon the supply of sulphuric acid in hitherto undreamed of quantities. The ores from which it is extracted are imported from Spain, and there are no ships to spare.

"What can I do?" asked a Southern man as he walked into Secretary Lane's office.

"Find the pyrites in the Southern hills," was the reply.

"Done," was the reply, and he found them.

In a few weeks the five mines already opened will produce 1,000 tons a day, and save the continuous employment of 15 vessels, while the supply of sulphuric acid is assured. "Fool's gold" will help begin winning the war.

PLANE MAY RIGHT ITSELF

Stability of Machine Has Been Regained Even After Nose Dive With Wounded Pilot.

Most airplanes are more or less stable, and can be righted from any position provided they are not damaged by gunfire or other cause, provided also the pilot is not wounded, and provided there is sufficient vertical space in which to maneuver, writes Charles Lincoln Freeston in Scribner's Magazine. If the pilot is wounded, a machine will often right itself even from a "nose dive," and it may happen that the pilot meanwhile recovers consciousness.

This was exactly what occurred to a friend of my own who was doubly wounded at 10,000 feet, and swooned away, with a helpless observer on board. During the resultant dive the pilot came to himself and landed without a crash. Not infrequently, moreover, a courageous observer may save the situation, and one such was awarded the military cross not very long ago for a particularly daring feat. The pilot was badly wounded and lay over his controls, but while the airplane was actually diving, under full engine power, the observer scrambled out of his seat, hung on right outside the bottom plane, lifted the pilot up, and pulled the machine out of its headlong dive. And all this was effected while the airplane was descending at probably a hundred miles an hour.

In another case the pilot was killed outright, but the observer contrived to sit over his dead body and assume control of the machine.

Protecting the Bank.

The public entrance doors of the Bank of England are so finely balanced that a clerk, merely by pressing a knob under his desk, can close them instantly. This, of course, has been designed with a view to prevent robbery by mobs. But inside the building the alarms machinery has also been set up to prevent robbery by persons who, by cunning, have gained access to the premises at night, or by disguise of fetch.

The bullion departments are nightly submerged in several feet of water, and whenever the money is stored inside alarms have been fixed up, if during the day a dishonest person should take even so much as one from a box of a thousand sovereigns in the safe the whole pile would immediately sink, and a pool of water occupy its place, besides letting every person in the establishment know of the theft.

DRY FEDERATION PLANNING FIGHT AGAINST BOOZE

Leading Men of State Will Make Effort To Elect Dry Legislature

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb 6, 1918.—The state convention of the Dry Federation of Pennsylvania, called to meet in this city in the Chestnut Street Auditorium, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., February 14th—St. Valentine's Day—is arousing widespread political interest throughout the state The fact that large numbers of dry sympathizers in the old line parties have arranged separate party caucuses during the convention to line up the Republicans and Democrats of the state for the dry legislative candidates in the May primaries is attracting much attention from the politicians. The Dry Federation is described as an inter-party or pan-party organization and is claimed by its supporters to be made up of all political elements throughout the state. The moral issue of temperance is laid aside, so prominent Federation workers claim, and all effort is being concentrated on making the fight for adoption of the national prohibition amendment in Pennsylvania along economic, political and war measure lines rather than as a matter of moral significance The result will be, according to John Royal Harris, state superintendent of the Dry Federation, that leading business men, manufacturers, workmen and labor leaders throughout the state, as well as prominent politicians of all parties will attend the convention here on St Valentine's Day and inaugurate a great drive to put Pennsylvania in the dry column at the next session of the legislature Dr. Harris said today:

"Pennsylvania was never before so thoroughly organized for a dry fight. We are going to elect a dry majority in the next legislature and in 1919 put Pennsylvania among the 36 states necessary to adopt the national prohibition amendment.

"Sentiment throughout the state is rapidly crystalizing in favor of nation-wide prohibition," he said, "and I find as I go about through the various counties that all elements interested in the cause of temperance are rapidly lining up behind the Dry Federation.

One of the powerful factors back of us are the Pennsylvania manufacturers and coal operators. Hundreds of executive heads of big enterprises and large mining operations in both the anthracite and bituminous fields have promised us their unflagging support to help make this state dry and protect our industrial and mine workers from the evil effects of intemperance and insure a greater concentration of effort toward winning the war."

Prominent men who have been invited to attend the convention and address it are Governor Martin G Brumbaugh, Frank Hanley, former governor of Indiana; Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil, the Hon. Vance C McCormick, the Hon. M Clyde Kelly, member of Congress; Lex N. Mitchell, member of the state legislature, and several heads of state departments.

The convention will adopt a platform and elect state officers and transact other business incidental to its work.

GRAIN NEEDED TO FEED OUR ALLIES

America Cheerfully Sacrificing Food---Breweries Should Be Shut Down

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb 6, 1918.—The Hon William E Porter, former Judge of Lawrence County president of the Dry Federation of Pennsylvania, which holds its state convention in this city on St. Valentine's Day, February 14th, to organize the fight to put Pennsylvania among the 36 states supporting the Prohibition amendment to the constitution of the United States, sees within the next few weeks a great clamor from the public for nation wide Prohibition because of the diversion of grain to alcoholic beverages which is sorely needed to supply the tables of our people and our Allies.

"The American people are the most obedient to discipline of any peoples in the world," Judge Porter said, "and have cheerfully put themselves on a voluntary ration at the mere suggestion of the government, without the passing of or enforcing of any laws No other country in the world war presents a spectacle of a public so willingly and cheerfully acquiescing in voluntary self restraint and deprivation of common necessities on the mere plea that it must be done to 'win the war.' That is the splendid democratic spirit of the American people But and this is a most significant 'but' when these same people begin to realize that although these self sacrifices are made and their children are put on slender rations and obliged to use grains for food which are inferior to wheat, still the brewing business goes on with its annual consumption of enough food stuffs to feed a nation, then there will be an awakening which I firmly believe will drive the last vestige of the liquor business out of America for ever. Already there are abundant signs that the public is beginning to get wise to this problem and commence to get sore."

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Economical Seaman Decided to Wait Until Some Other Day to Have His Picture Taken.

If there is a general impression that American is slow to fall into the routine of economy and conservation the belief has not impressed itself upon a veteran photographer to seamen, whose curbstone studio is somewhere along the river front, writes a New York correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch. Recently he had a hard five minutes with a Yankee subject, and he decided that certain traits of the Scot are developing in these United States. The photographer piped the man of the sea rolling along the street and brought him to have his picture taken, assuring him that the loved ones at home are not to be forgotten and that these days a striking pictorial memento is of special value. The seaman, just off his vessel, stopped. He was a very grouchy seaman, but one likely to have funds, so chow, and so the photographer was at great pains to get him suitably posed and ready for the permanent record of his afternoon appearance. The last detail had been arranged and the seaman was standing flatly and determinedly against a fence when the cameraman started to press the bulb. "Wait," said the subject, coming out of pose. "I'll be here for a week and I'll see you again for a photo." "Well, why not now?" "Cause," answered the ex-mariner seaman, "I got a chaw of tobacco in me face terday. I'll be along again toward the end of the week—some day when I ain't got a chaw in me mouth."

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Fire at Irwin Causes Big Loss

Fire destroyed the boiler house of the Westmoreland Coal company at the Youga Shaft, entailing a loss of $5,000. But for the splendid work of the Irwin firemen, the fire which for a time threatened the power house, and tipple would have caused the loss of both, throwing at least four hundred men out of employment.

The fire was discovered at 4 o'clock in the morning and is believed to have near the boilers. The fire communicated to the coal bunkers which were been caused by over heated timbers burned together with one hundred tons of coal. Firemen at 6 o'clock reported the fire extinguished and all danger to the power house past.

Superintendent Cameron of the Westmoreland Coal company announces that the plant is running along as smoothly as usual.

First reports said the fire was of incendiary origin and aliens living in the vicinity of Irwin and employed at the coal works were blamed. Superintendent Cameron says, however, that on investigation the fire was found to have originated from natural causes—the overheating of timbers near the boiler.

Farms Can Be Used to Win the War

Nearly every farm has some portion of it that is either not used at all or is used in such a way as to produce very little. On many farms there are patches of low ground which cannot be tilled because they are too wet. Usually when drained these wet areas are the richest land on the farm.

Just at present, when the world is engaged in the most gigantic struggle in its history, the forces of democracy against those of autocracy, the product of these idle acres is needed. This is an excellent time to put them into use. Small patches of wet land can be drained at small expense. Between now and the opening up of spring work there is ample time to do the work. This year the farmer has been able to sell his products at a fair price and has money with which to buy the tile. Every farmer, part of whose farm is unproductive because it needs drainage, should take advantage of the present opportunity to add to his cropping area by supplying the necessary drainage. These lands will produce more than average farm lands. Every product will help to win the war.

Part of Cemetary May Be Moved

Twenty graves in Gilmore cemetery lying parallel with Meldon avenue, Donora, may be removed to another part of the cemetery this summer. The graves, mostly old ones, containing the remains of old residents of the community, are in the way of the proposed improvement of the street. The improvement of this street has been practically forced on the borough council by the development of the community. The cemetery is now the only remaining obstacle as the necessary ordinance has been passed by council and it is the intention to pave the street this summer.

County authorities have been slow to heed Donora's demands for the improvement of the Monongahela-Donora road because this connecting link stretching from Eleventh to Fourteenth streets, is perpetually a hindrance to all vehicle traffic between the two towns. Besides, several bad accidents have occurred to make the improvement of the street doubly necessary. Council has completed arrangements with the Pittsburgh Railways company to pay their share and now all that remains to be done is the elimination of the opposition being put forward by the owners of the abutting cemetery.

Few graves of recent years will be affected by the change. Council wants to remove those interfering with the improvement to another part of the cemetery, erect an elevated sidewalk which will really improve the present inconvenient means of access to the plot and rush with all possible speed the paving of the street. Negotiations with the cemetery owners to remove their objections are not proceeding very satisfactorily.

Couple Has Checkered Career

Living together for nearly 23 years, then divorced and married again, is the interesting story of Abraham H. Rodgers and Alice R. Rodgers, both of Washington, Pa. They were, on March 11, 1895, just 23 years ago, at Wheeling, W. Va., married by the Rev. Mr. Payden, and they lived together until August 11, 1917, when they separated. They secured a divorce, which was granted on January 8, 1918, and last week they appeared in the office of the clerk of courts and secured a license to wed again, after having been separated less than a month. They were married by Justice John F. Carmichael.

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Asked To Clear Away Ice

All mayors of third class cities and burgesses of boroughs have received the following communication from Acting Commissioner Lew R. Palmer, relative to the clearing of ice from fire escapes, emergency exits, etc.

Accumulations of snow and ice on fire escapes and at all emergency exits of theatres, apartment houses, hotels, factories, schools and halls of public assemblage present, at this time, a grave menace.

It is absolutely essential, for the protection of human life, that all fire escapes and emergency exits be cleared, that all windows and doors leading to fire escapes and emergency exits are not frozen shut but operate freely, and that snow and ice shall be removed from the ground area surrounding the terminals of fire escapes and from the emergency exit doors of theatre and similar institutions. In the event of fire, obstructed exit ways would probably cause loss of life. The fire and panic of May 3, 1909, requires all fire escapes and emergency exits be free from all obstruction and further makes the owner of a building, on which a fire escape is obstructed, liable in the event of persons being injured or killed.

Snow and ice obstruction presents a more serious problem this winter than in many years and these conditions prevail also at a time when fires are most likely to occur.

May this department have your cooperation in removing these dangerous conditions? All inspectors of this department have been directed to make every effort toward having fire escapes and emergency exits cleared, but it is obviously impossible for them to give attention to every fire escape in this state within the limited period that the snow and ice prevails. You can help in this work by bringing this matter to the attention of your police and fire departments for action, or by notifying the nearest inspector of this department of a blocked fire escape or emergency exit.

Small Tree Seedlings Given Free

Applications for forest tree seedlings have been recently received by Forester V. M. Bearer, Ligonier, from the following parties: Attorney J. A. Berkey, Kent Miller and Mr. Seibert, superintendent of public schools, all of Somerset. William P. Hay, Somerset No. 4; Geo. W. Cunkleman, Ligonier; J. D. McClurg, New Alexandria; Robert W. Lehr, Boswell; A. J. Fassett, Institute lecturer, Clarion county, and J. Stuart Groupe, lecturer Farmers' Institutes, Jersey Shore, Pa.

The small seedlings are given free to any one who desires to reforest out-over woodlots, steep and rocky palisades or low and wet ravines for cultivation. Forester Bearer will gladly assist any interested parties in deciding what, where and when to plant.

Donora Police May Buy Patrol

Donora is soon to get something that has long been needed. It is a police patrol truck. Many times passing automobiles have been commandered and the bill has been sent to the borough. Very frequently obstreperous and indisposed prisoners have established the need of such a conveyance. The matter has been considered by council at times but the boro dads have never felt just able to tackle the expense.

Now the town is to have the truck and it is to be a gift to the city from the police officers. This again brings to mind the fact that the Donora police force is in a class by itself. First Chief William Smedly announced that the proceeds of slacker captures would be devoted to public charity. An even $400 has been turned over to the Central Board of Charities by the officers.

Feeling that they have done their duty in that direction the police are now saving up their slacker rewards for the purpose of buying a motor patrol truck which council has assured them will be gratefully received. They have already $250 in the fund and is growing fast.

Sneezing or Squeezing--Which

A Southwest Greensburg girl declared to her employer Tuesday that she had "sneezed so violently the evening before that she broke one of her ribs." This young woman's sweetheart is drafted for army service and he is scheduled to leave soon for Camp Lee. He spends many evenings in the girl's society and her employer is just a bit doubtful whether the rib was fractured by sneezing or squeezing.

"Uncle Sam."

The popular term "Uncle Sam," as applied to the United States government, originated in Troy and Greenbush, N. Y., during the war of 1812-14. Elbert Anderson, Jr., one of the contractors supplying the army of the north with provisions, in October, 1812, advertised for proposals for pork and beef to be delivered to him during the first four months of the following year in New York, Troy, Albany and Waterford. Among those who contracted to furnish him with beef, packed in barrels, were Ebenezer and Samuel Wilson, the latter familiarly called by Trojans "Uncle Sam." As the beef was delivered at Greenbush barracks from time to time the Troy soldiers referred to it as "Uncle Sam's" beef. The other soldiers, not knowing who "Uncle Sam" was, thought that the term was applied to the letters U. S. stamped upon the barrels by the government officials. Consequently it was not long before the term "Uncle Sam," meaning the United States, was in common use.

Japanese and Malays.

The Japanese hat resembles much the Malayan. So also does the Japanese umbrella. The ancient Japanese helmet was adorned with horns of animals. Similar helmets exist in the Malayan archipelago. The old-fashioned weapons of the Japanese police, used in particular for catching thieves, are still used by Malayan policemen. The custom of catching fish at night by torchlight prevails both in Japan and in the Malayan archipelago. An ordeal with boiling water, a special sort of football game, the popularity of cock fights and the custom of keeping singing insects in little cages are found both among the Japanese and Malays. All this, asserts a writer, speaks in favor of the descent of the Japanese from the Malays.

Small Patriot's Rebuke.

The other day I answered a knock at the door and encountered a small boy, who immediately tried to sell me a choice assortment of knitting needles.

"But, sonny, I don't knit," said I, thinking to close the matter.

He looked at me reproachfully for a moment and then: "Lady, aren't you going to do anything for your country?"—Chicago Tribune.

Far From Ideal.

"Tears, idle tears," murmured Flubdub.

"That can't possibly allude to profiteers," declared Wombat.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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Farmers Can Dispose of Wheat

An announcement has been made that arrangements have been made whereby farmers anxious to sell their wheat and unable to dispose of it in their own districts because mills have bought their limit and commission houses cannot handle it, may be put in touch with Federal authorities. The plan is to have farmeres wishing to sell to notify Secretary of Agriculture Patton, who will make lists until car loads are in sight and then communicate with H. D. Irwin, of the United States Grain Administration at Philadelphia.

"The Food Administration Grain corporation stands ready to either buy wheat or act as the selling agent or to see that buyers are in the market at any point cars can be loaded," Mr. Irwin said.

All agricultural implements required for spring planting and farm tractors have been exempted from railroad embargo, according to advices received by Secretary of Agriculture Patton from A. H. Smith, director of eastern railroads. Secretary Patton has now rulings that will allow immediately, delivery of implements, fertilizers, seeds and feeding stuffs or animals.

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Immense Ice Gorge May be Shot Out

The big ice gorge above Dam No 5 at Brownsville still holds, with about all the heavy ice from the Cheat River, near Morgantown, backed up behind it, extending for miles up the river.

Yesterday, about 300 feet of the Brownsville gorge let go, and passed through the fourth pool, getting over Dam No. 4 without any material damage to craft or property. The master ent today that the fourth pool was clear of ice and no danger feared unless it should come from the big gorge. He further stated that the supposition is that coal men will get together today or tomorrow and devise some plan of geting the gorge broken. The inference is that dynamite may be used to loosen it if natural weather conditions fail to loosen it.

The Monongahela has fallen consierdably and today the stage is but little above normal. Weather Forecaster Henry W. Pennywitt at Pittsburg announced last night that there will be no flood in the immediate future. The forecaster said that even though the ice gorges in the upper Monongahela River let go this cannot in any way cause a flood; the ice would damage river craft, but all material above the average water line would be safe.

The Youghiogheny river began putting out heavily late yesterday, carrying ice and debris at Confluence and a 15-foot crest at West Newton. The pressure of this, is was said, would hardly be sufficient to force out the gorges at Brownsville and the pack between Shanor and McKeesport, a 19-mile strip of the Monongahela.

The steamboat Alicia was caught in a heavy ice jam Sunday in the fifth pool. Every effort was made to save the vessel, but the current was too strong. The boat is reported to be sunk.

The ice's Ferry County Bridge at Mont Chateau was swept away early yesterday, when the gorge in the Cheat river at that point broke.

The Allegheny river ice gorge, which covers over 100 miles of the river, extending from below Oil City to the headwaters, was holding firm last night, and it is not expected to move out for several days.

Argument is Not Very Consistent

One of the strongest arguments advanced in defending the farmer for not having bought Liberty Bonds more heavily in the first two drives is that he was doing more for his country in investing his money in the effort to increase farm production than he could have done by lending it to Uncle Sam. It is a good argument so far as it goes. But it falls short.

For the farmer is not the only producer who is helping his country by speeding up his output. Every manufacturer who contributes to the vast array of supplies necessary to the comfort, health and success of the army in the field, might make the same claim. And if allowed what would become of the Liberty Loans?

Everyone of them is increasin- his individual earnings by increasing his production. Everyone of them is following his legitimate line of business. No one of them is entitled to exemption over the other. And practically every manufacturer in the country was boosting the Liberty Bond sales. They weren't standing back because new buildings or machinery were necessary. Farming is the farmer's livelihood. The more he produces, the greater his income in this time when there is a demand for all he can raise. He cannot legitimately hope to be excused from meeting his obligations to his country in other ways because he is speeding up his farm work to his individual profit. When it comes to duty, the farmer must stand shoulder to shoulder with his fellows. And we have an abiding faith that he will.

Basket Ball Friday Evening

A basketball game of unusual interest will be featured Friday evening in the Monessen High school gymnasium when our high school team will meet and measure strength and skill with the undefeated high school team of Canonsburg. The visitors are strong in every part of the game, having so far won very game played this season about the strong Pittsburgh and Chartiers valley teams having been their foes.

This Canonsburg's undefeated team will meet a worthy adversary which has also won all games of the season—eight in succession—and all by good creditable margins. It goes without saying that this game with teams apparently so evenly matched, will be attended with a larger crowd and more enthusiasm than any game yet played here this season. There will be an interesting preliminary at 7:30, game proper to start at 8:15.

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Your letter was the first one I received in France so you can know how much I appreciate it. We are settled at last, but are not yet in our permanent quarters. It is the quaintest, dearest little village and I love the French people. They are so polite. We are all able to use the French we have picked up, for they are so alert they understand at once You asked me what you are to send me. What you said will be all right. Also candy and chewing gum or a can of silver cow milk. We are a good walk from the dairy. I never knew American chocolates were so good. My roommate got a box of raisins in yesterday. It is the first thing I have seen that looks like Christmas.

The O. E. S sent me a lovely box, but I gave it to the chief nurse to be packed for Xmas, and up to date the box is lost, but we will probably get it soon and will like it all the more because it is late. I saw a young boy with a piece of holly Xmas That made me a little homesick for the Xmas party of the Materlinck club. I know you girls will think kindly of the Fourth Vice President and understand I did not want to write and let old Bill Hohenzollern know what I was doing. He has not been over to call on me yet or sent an envoy extraordinary in a "zeppelin." I am not afraid. I feel just as safe as in little old Donora. An American can think twice while a German is clinking his spuds. "Vive la America." I was afraid on our little ship but I knew I would live until my time came

While I make my letter meet the requirements of the censor, wait until I come home. That continued story of Mrs. Nobel will look anaemic compared with the tale I can unfold. This is a wonderful life. My room looks like a habitat of some of my former patients up "Wild Cat Hollow" and I would trade my La Tausca pearls for a tub of hot water, but it is a great life if you don't weaken and Sampson has nothing on me. We are going to win this war hands down, take it from me. The world is fed up on imperialism and ready for Liberty and the good old U. S. A. is going to teach the Huns a lesson. It is lots of fun to go shopping and things are really reasonable, though they are higher than usual I hear. There are the most wonderful perfumes here. If I had a beau,I could fuss up like a "hovis," but up to date the horizon registers clear.

Sincerely,
Marie Watson.

Big Fire in Reformatory

Five of the 13 buildings in the group comprising the Indiana State Reformatory at Jeffersonville, were destroyed by fire, entailing an estimated loss of $1,000. Twelve hundred and eighty-five prisoners in cell houses and dormitories were assembled in order in a walled enclosure where "Retreat" is sounded each evening after the military fashion. At the word of command they quietly marched to the institutional school building, 200 yards away from the fire, where they were placed under guard. None tried to escape.

The blaze was discovered shortly after midnight in the trade school building in the department largely devoted to the manufacture of fibre chairs, and is believed to have been due to crossed electric wires. Within a few moments the fire was beyond the control of the department at the reformatory and Jeffersonville and Louisville, reponding to calls for aid, sent apparatus. Low water pressure handicapped the efforts of the firemen and before the blaze was brought under control four hours later, the Trade School building, one dormitory, a cell house, a foundry warehouse and the administration building had been destroyed.

With the destruction of the dining room, kitchen and food supplies the prison authorities faced the problem of feeding the prisoners.

Justice is in Question

Friends of Sam Cardimone of Duquesne, who was found guilty of murder in the first degree in the county courts, wonder why the courts do not dispose of the case. Cardimone's attorney has made application for a new trial, but no decision has yet been handed down in the matter. The man was connected with the Italian riot in Duquesne, October 8th, 1916, when John Vash and Sam Perri were killed. Ralph Perri and Frank Chari, who were mixed up in the affair, pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 7 to 10 years in the penitentiary. Cardimone's friends think that he was no more guilty of the killing of Vash and Perri than the men who get off with penitentiary sentences. For that reason they believe he will be granted a new trial.

Garbage Question

Editor Daily Independent -

I read with great satisfaction your article on the garbage question As a suggestion I offer the following: Since the burden rests upon the property owner, why not just drop the packages of garbage in the parcel post and have the carriers do the rest. The package wouldn't cost half as much as the "municipal system" does Pays. We would not only be helping the government, but it would do away with all the inefficiency in our municipal offices and save the jangling. I offer this as a suggestion and I know it isn't any more ridiculous than Mr John's ordinance.

Taxpayer, Property Owner

Before Burgess Stewart Today

Police court this morning presented several cases for Burgess Stewart's disposal—mostly drunks.

John Kunsmer and Jacob Nyehinen, of Sixth and Motheral avenue, were up for fighting at the boarding house. It seemed both men acted pretty badly, so the burgess assessed each $10.00 and costs.

Henry Logan of Boston, Pa., employed at the Pittsburgh Steel mill, was fined $5.00 for being intoxicated Saturday night.

W. B. Vandergrift, employed with the Marple Transfer Co, paid $5.00 for committing a nuisance on the street.

H. B. Irwin, a tailor of Washington, Pa., was fined $1.00 and costs for drunkenness, Saturday night, near Tenth street.

H. M. Lally of Elventh and Schoonmaker, a structural iron worker employed at the Pittsburgh Steel, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at his boarding house, Saturday night. It seemed that in a dispute Lally in arising from the table kicked it over, breaking dishes and scattering them over the room promiscuously. Lally had up a $10.00 forfeit which Burgess Stewart retained and called the case squared.

D. M. Martin, a mill worker of Twelfth street, for being drunk and disorderly and breaking a light of glass in his boarding house door was assessed $3.00 and costs.

Attel Roponen, a Daisytown miner, was fined $5.00 for being drunk Saturday night.

Paul Madigan, a laborer, locked up Saturday night for being drunk, was fined $5.00 and costs Being an Austrian, it appears that after getting in the officer's hands, he expressed himself as wishing that Austria would lick h—l out of the United States. On account of the man's intoxicated condition, Burgess Stewart excused him this time for his ugly remarks, but warned him that the next time this grave offense was committed against this country, he would be sent over the road to await the end of the war.

The Birth of a Nation

The attraction at the OLYMPIC theatre Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15 and 16 will be D. W. Griffith's highty spectacle "The Birth of a Nation." Mr. Griffith was eight months making this wonderful story. He employed 18,000 people and 3,000 horses and the total cost of the work reached the enormous figure of half a million dollars. The story is one of romance and adventure linked to the most vital periods of American history. It records the facts with the rapidity of lightning and yet never departs from the fundamentals of true drama. Love and conflict are its basic theme but a myriad of details illumine the narraitve and lift it so far beyond anything our stage has ever known that the usual tvenues of comparison do not offer a road to follow in this instance. 1t

Entertained Friends

Miss Dora Sickey very pleasantly entertained a number of friends at her home on McMahan avenue last evening. The time was spent in games and music. Miss Adelmina Riva of Charleroi, sang several solos which were much appreciated. At a late hour a delicious lunch was served. Among those present were Misses Adelmina Riva, Lena Dei Cas. Anna Carcelli, Stella Giamati, Ernest Gross of Charleroi, Wm. and Foster Gudatt of Pittsburgh, Ranroo and Renatto Rutili of Donora, Albert Ross of Allenport, Arthur Lupori of Belle Vernon, Edith Johnson, Gertrude Williams, Marie Radaesy, Salvina Brighenti, Wm. Stanley, August Lauze, Thos. Purnelli, Uga Gennenzi and Guy and Roger Sickey, all of Monessen.

For Newly Weds

Mr. and Mrs. George Sherwin very pleasantly entertained at their home on Reed avenue in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Tiumann of Monongahela. Mrs. Tiuman will be remembered as Miss Phillis Ewing of Monessen. The evening was spent in games and music. At a late hour a dainty lunch was served by the hostess. The honor guests were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents.

Wants to Serve

His son James, a second lieutenant in the coast artillery, now in active service in France, Louis L. Smitley, aged 71, of Dunbar, made a futile attempt to enlist in the motor mechanics regiment to be able to join his son. Smitley, who is a veteran of the Civil war, insisted that the recruiting officer accept him and was much dejected when given a negative decision.

Author Honored

Observation Peak in the Kwadacha region of the Canadian Rockies has been named "Haworth" in honor of Paul Haworth, the author of "On the Headwaters of Peace River," which was published this winter by the Scribners. It has been proposed to name the glacier at the head of the river after Mr. Haworth, but this had already been called "Lloyd George."

Period Extended

The U. S. Marshall at Pittsburgh has sent out the following telegram regarding the registration of German alien enemies in the United States:

"Chief of Police, Monessen, Pa.—The registration period for German alien enemies is extended to include Feb. 11, 12 and 13, same place, hour and manner."

LOCAL NOTES

—Born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Todaro, a baby boy.

—William S. Hart in "The Narrow Trail," at the STAR next Wednesday. 11-4t

—Miss Rhoda Armstrong was an over Sunday visitor with friends in Uniontown.

—Miss Amelia Pehl visited with friends and relatives in Glassport over Sunday.

—Melvin Boag is able to be out after being confined to his home on Park Way with grippe.

—Mrs. J. F. Soles and son Franklyn of Tenth street, are visiting relatives in Connellsville.

—Miss Mary Perri of Donora was the guest yesterday of Miss Marion Lewis.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leelereq of Lock Four, a nine pound baby boy. Mother and baby are getting along fine.

—Born at 6 o'clock this morning to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brady of Parkway, an eight pound baby boy. "Jack" is treating the boys and strutting around as proud as a peacock, with his arms akimbo, thrust jauntily in his vest armholes.

Lutherans Met In Greensbnrg

Representatives of all Lutheran churches in Westmoreland county are meeting at 2 o'clock today in Zion church Sunday school room, Greensburg, to organize for a drive for $750,000 of the Lutheran War Commission. Pastors of all churches in the county with two laymen are expected to be present.

This meeting will be for the purpose of organization of the county, and arrangements of plans and methods to make the canvass in every congregation. According to direction of President Wilson, the work must be concluded in the month of February.

YOUNG MAN WAS KILLED

While superintending the unloading of auto trucks loaded with coal at the Mount Gray mines of the Howard Coal company near Saltsburg, Samuel Collins Sheffler of Greensburg, was instantly killed. The one end of a truck was being hoisted by hydraulic power so that the coal might pass out into the railroad cars. Mr. Sheffler was inspecting the hoisting machinery when some accident occurred, permitting the truck to fall back. Mr. Sheffler was caught beneath and instantly killed.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank the many kind friends for the kindness shown us during the death of our baby, Thos Duvall. We are grateful to the fraternal order of Eagles, also the employes of the blast furnaces and the kind friends, Miss Stella Simpson, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Van Dusen, Mrs. Kinder, Mrs. Ginsberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Duvall, parents
Mrs. Mary Lahey, grandmother.
Thomas Lahey, Uncle. 1t

TAKE NOTICE

Beginning Monday evening, February 11th, back copies of the Daily Independent will be sold at five cents each. The regular edition will be sold at the usual price of one cent a copy. All persons wishing extra papers of any edition must leave an order not later than noon on the day of publication in order to receive copies at one cent each. The price of news print warrants all editions to be cut to the minimum. Hence the price of five cents each for back copies.

Daily Independent.

Want Column

WANTED—Two or three furnished rooms for light housekeeping, with American family only. Address "G" care Daily Independent. 13-2tp

FOR SALE—Slightly used piano, value $375. Will be sold for $288. Apply W. S. Robins. 08-tf

—FOUND—In P. & L. E. station Sunday, hand baggowter may have same by proving property and paying for this ad. Apply Daily Independent. 1t

WANTED—Room in private family by gentleman; address "E. S." care Daily Independent. 13-6tp

WANTED—Salesladies; apply F. W. Woolworth Co 5 and 10c store 13-3t

WANTED—Three unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping on or before March 1st. Address D. R. care Daily Independent. 13-6tp

WANTED—One or two light housekeeping rooms, or one or two unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping in the east end of town; apply 1209 Second street 11-3tp

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Big Patriotic Dance at Monongahela

An invitation is being extended to the Monessen young people by the Washington Camp No 768 Patriotic Order Sons of America, to attend their Patriotic Dance, to be held Friday evening February 15th, 1918, in the Armory Hall, Second street, Monongahela, Pa.

A prize Waltz will be a feature of the evening

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FOR SALE—Lot on Maple and Fourteenth street, $700.00 cash or Liberty bonds Fred F. Shearer, Oneida street. 13-6tp

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